

Training and development (operating department practice)

This page has information on the training and development opportunities in operating department practitioner practice.

After qualifying as an operating department practitioner (ODP) ^[1], you'll need to be committed to learning and always keep your skills and knowledge up to date. To maintain your registration to practice with the Health and Care Professions Council ([HCPC](#) ^[2]), you'll need to be to meet their conduct, performance and ethics standards.

[Find information on the conduct, performance and ethics standards is available on the HCPC website](#) ^[3].

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Development opportunities

You'll have several options to progress your career in operating department practice, including [management](#) ^[4], education, [research](#) ^[5] and advanced practice. Experienced ODPs can take [further training approved by the Royal College of Surgeons](#) ^[6] to work as [surgical care practitioners](#) ^[7]. After a typical two-year training programme, you'll be able to complete certain surgical procedures under the supervision of a consultant surgeon.

NHS Leadership Academy

The NHS Leadership Academy runs a number of programmes to support healthcare professionals into leadership roles including the Mary Seacole programme. [Find more information on the NHS Leadership Academy and its programmes](#) ^[8].

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[1] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/studying-operating-department->

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[2] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#HCPC>

[3] <http://www.hpc-uk.org/aboutregistration/standards/standardsofconductperformanceandethics/>

[4] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/clinical-manager>

[5] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/working-health/clinical-academic-careers>

[6] <http://www.rcseng.ac.uk/surgeons/training/accreditation/surgical-care-practitioners-scps>

[7] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/medical-associate-professions/surgical-care-practitioner>

[8] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/working-health/nhs-leadership-academy>